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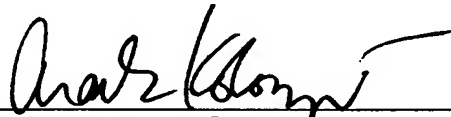
This is a Preliminary Amendment to the application filed herewith, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/609,854, filed July 5, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,723,069, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/530,466, which was re-filed on February 25, 2000 as a continued prosecution application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/530,466, filed on September 19, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,139,522, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/197,122, filed on February 16, 1994, now abandoned.

By this Amendment, Claims 1-7 and 14-31 have been cancelled. Claims 8-13 are pending.

Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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